

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al. (U.S. pat. No. 6,353,906). Claims 7 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is being amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 7. Claim 9 is being amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 15 without the limitations of intervening claim 12.

Base claim 19 is being amended to recite multiplying to generate the randomized delay: the delay randomizer means also for multiplying a binary random number with the period of the second clock to generate the randomized delay;

Thus claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-20 all depend on base claims that have been re-written to include multiplying as recited in allowable claims 7, 15.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-20, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings that have not been amended. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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